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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/525,078; § 371 Date: August 25, 2005
For: **Novel Polyvinyl Esters**
Inventors: SCHULTE *et al.*
Our Ref: 2365.0010000/RWE/JSO

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Request for Corrected Official Filing Receipt;
2. Marked-up Copy of Filing Receipt;
3. Copy of Declaration Filed August 25, 2005;
4. Copy of Postcard Date-Stamped August 25, 2005;
5. Copy of Application Data Sheet Filed February 18, 2005;
6. Copy of Postcard Date-Stamped February 18, 2005; and
7. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Under Foreign Applications:

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GERMANY 103 27 511.8 06/17/2003.

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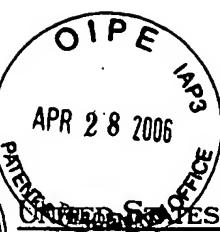


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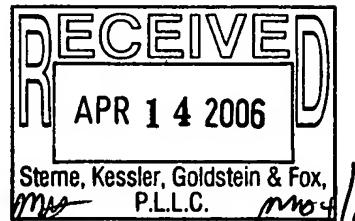
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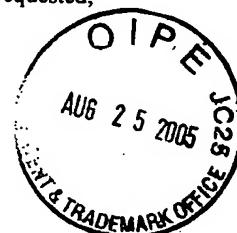
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **Novel Polyvinyl Esters**, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

was filed on August 14, 2003;
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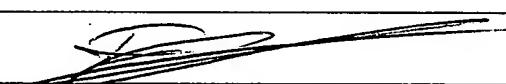
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